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## **EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

**F. Lee Lawrence, President**

The organization of an association to foster and perpetuate the historical heritage of our beloved area is the realization of a dream shared by many East Texas historians. The first such association, organized in 1929, lasted but three years. Though that institution perished as a formal body, the interest in an alliance of East Texas historians was never fully extinguished.

Virtually every section of Texas has for many years been blessed with a regional historical association. East Texas, though one of the most historic areas of all, was the only region not so favored. With the recent surge of activity in local historical preservation encouraged by the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, there has been renewed interest favoring the reorganization of a historical association for this section. Armed with a pledge of support from the administration of Stephen F. Austin State College at Nacogdoches, Dr. C. K. Chamberlain of the history department of that institution called a general meeting of interested historians at Nacogdoches on September 29, 1962. At this meeting the unanimous sentiment was to organize a regional historical association; accordingly, a constitution was adopted and officers elected.

In addition to its being situated at almost the geographical center of East Texas, Nacogdoches is also the historical fountainhead of this region since it was the springboard for much of the settlement of East Texas. These natural advantages, coupled with the facilities made available by the college, provide an almost perfect environment for the birth and growth of this association. As O. M. Roberts stated in his address as first president of the Texas State Historical Association, "It is to be hoped that this one has been organized under such circumstances as that it will be a permanent institution."

Our first year has been and continues to be one largely devoted to organizational effort and membership solicitation. We have attempted to establish useful policies and obtain a membership roll adequate to permit the future officers to direct their principal attention to matters of historical preservation.

There is a sense of fellowship and enthusiasm among those who share an interest in the history of our region. We are confident that this fraternal bond will enable us to realize the preservation of the fascinating historical heritage of our beloved East Texas.